

Verbal Commands

- Need to give lawful directives and orders
- Attempt to enhance compliance with verbal skills
- Tell them what you want, why if practical and appropriate
- Calm, controlled voice may work better to gain compliance
- Command presence may need to be enforced with loud, direct verbal commands
- Loud commands alert witnesses and other officers
- Loud commands may act as a verbal stun
- Talking forces you to breath
- Our goal is to obtain compliance and to facilitate control – verbal commands are key in this endeavor



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Reasonable Officer's Response



High Risk Target Areas

- **RED:** Targets of last resort since there are no greater risk targets. Intentional strikes or repeated strikes may lead to serious injury or death

- Neck
- Throat
- Solar Plexus
- Spine / Tailbone
- Kidneys
- Eyes
- Ears & Hollow Behind Ear
- Temple



Secondary Target Areas

- **YELLOW:** May cause momentary dysfunction, but there exists a higher risk of significant injury. Repeated strikes may cause significant injury

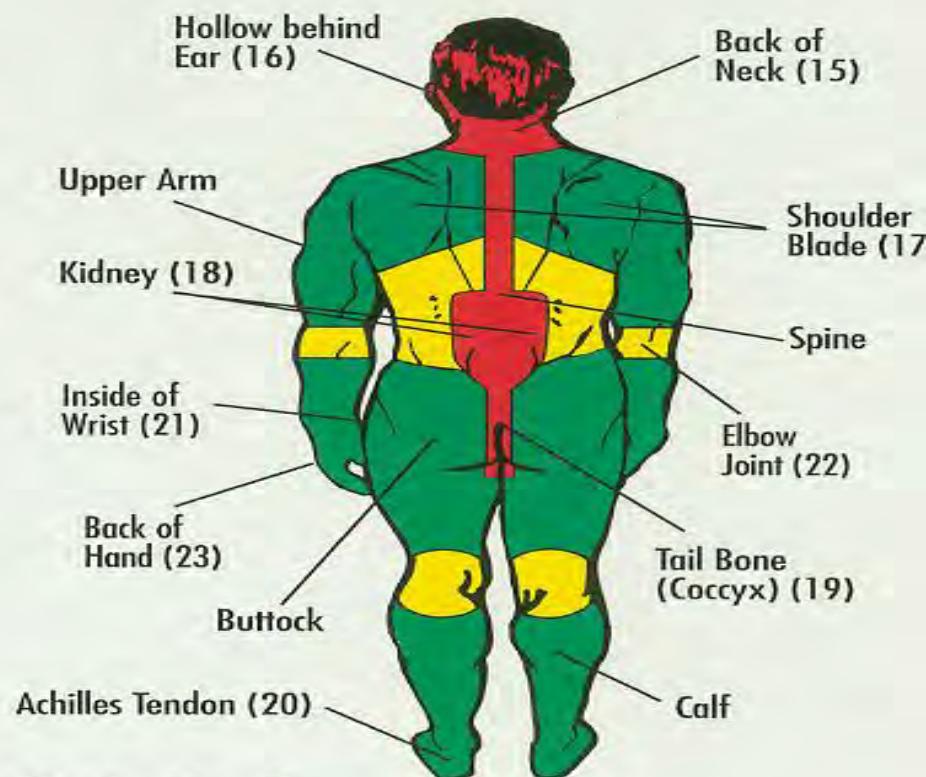
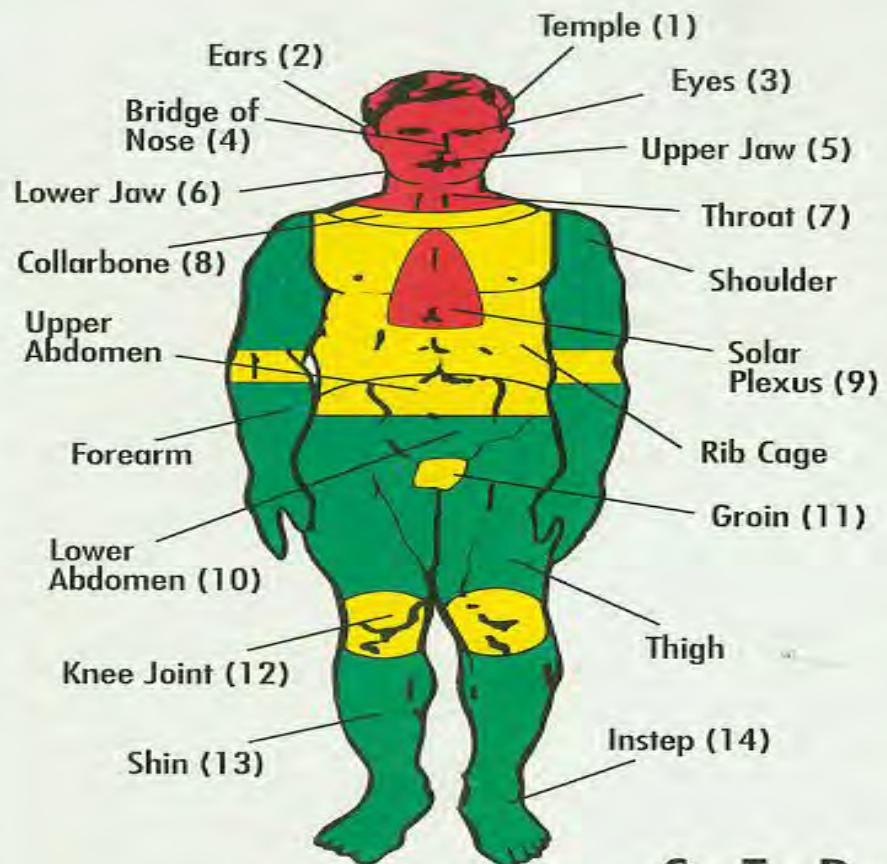
- Collarbone
- Elbow Joints
- Groin
- Knee Joints
- Frontal Face
- Bridge of Nose
- Upper Lip
- Jaw



Primary Target Areas

- ❑ **GREEN**: Generally cause momentary dysfunction, without causing significant or serious injuries
- ❑ All other targets...



MONADNOCK BATON CHART**Escalation Of Trauma By Vital And Vulnerable Striking Areas****S T R I K I N G****GREEN TARGET AREAS**

REASONING: Minimal level of resultant trauma. Injury tends to be temporary rather than long-lasting, however exceptions can occur.

Except for the HEAD, NECK, and SPINE, the whole body is a Green Target Area for the application of baton blocking and restraint skills.

YELLOW TARGET AREAS

REASONING: Moderate to serious level of resultant trauma. Injury tends to be more long-lasting, but may also be temporary.

RED TARGET AREAS

REASONING: Highest level of resultant trauma. Injury tends to range from serious to long-lasting rather than temporary and may include unconsciousness, serious bodily injury, shock or death.

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